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MESSAGE: Ms. Nguyen – attached is an Amendment to the Final Office Action dated August 8, 2002 for the application referenced below:

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/394,590
Burton, et al.
Entitled: Method and Apparatus for Exposing Network
Administration Stored in a Directory Using HTTP/WEBDAV Protocol
Filed: September 13, 1999

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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed August 8, 2002, please consider the amendments and remarks below.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace claim 1 with the following:

1. (Twice Amended) A method for manipulating network objects by using Internet authoring, collaboration and versioning protocol, wherein the protocol allows a user to perform remote web content authoring operations, the method comprising:
- receiving a request using the Internet authoring, collaboration and versioning protocol for a manipulation of a first network object from a requesting user, wherein the first network object includes at least one from the group consisting of: devices, resources and container objects;
 - verifying a first set of authorization information;
 - translating a logical object address to a physical file system path;
 - checking a file system for validity and authorization for the requesting user including determining whether the first network object is a network object;